



Request for Proposal # 090192
Addendum #1

4/22/09

To Whom It May Concern,

The following changes are made to RFP# 090192 posted on April 20, 2009. The changes to the sections are highlighted in yellow below:

SECTION 3: SCOPE OF PROJECT

3.0 Overview

The STATE OF MONTANA, Fish, Wildlife, & Parks, (hereinafter referred to as “the State”) is seeking a Professional Forester to implement and provide oversight for habitat restoration plans for the Mount Haggin Wildlife Management Area (WMA), as outlined in the March 2009 Final Environmental Assessment for the “Mount Haggin WMA Habitat Restoration Project” (Appendix C). The Forester will aid the State in developing the design and layout for the Forest Health prescription of the project, preparing the bid prospectus for the selection of a logging contractor that will include all three objectives of the project, and help evaluate bid packages according to the following items: stumpage payable to the State, cost of implementing the bitterbrush portion of the project; and cost of implementing the aspen portion of the project. The Forester will provide oversight of the contractor’s adherence to the objectives and habitat treatment prescriptions of the project. A more complete description of the supplies and/or services sought for this project is provided in Section 3, Scope of Project. Proposals submitted in response to this solicitation must comply with the instructions and procedures contained herein.

3.2 Scope of Project

Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Department (FWP), Wildlife Division, hereafter referred to as “the State”, seeks the services of a Professional Forester to implement and provide oversight for habitat restoration plans on a portion of the Mount Haggin WMA, as described in the March 2009 Final Environmental Assessment for the “Mount Haggin WMA Habitat Restoration Project” (Appendix C). There are three main objectives to the project:

Objective 1: Reduce the expansion of Douglas fir within bitterbrush communities, in order to promote the health and regeneration of bitterbrush and associated plants important to wildlife.

Objective 2: Reduce the expansion of Douglas fir and lodgepole pine within and surrounding aspen communities, in order to promote stand health and propagation of aspen.

Objective 3: Remove stands of beetle-killed lodgepole pine in order to enhance the overall complexity of stand structure across the winter range, mitigate pine beetle infestation and improve forest health, and reduce forest fuel loads.

The selected Forester will be responsible for adhering to the prescriptions as described in the Final EA for the aspen and bitterbrush treatment areas, as well as designing the layout for the forest health treatment in accordance with the guidelines described in the Final EA. The selected Forester will be required to assist the State in preparing the bid prospectus for the selection of a logging contractor that will include all three objectives of the project, and help evaluate bid packages according to the following items: stumpage payable to the State, cost of implementing the bitterbrush portion of the project; and cost of implementing the aspen portion of the project. The Forester will provide oversight of the contractor's adherence to the objectives and habitat treatment prescriptions of the project. The selected Forester will be required to monitor the progress and compliance of the contractors during pre-treatment preparation, harvesting, clean up, and rehabilitation. The sale of commercial timber products will finance the actual logging, roadwork, clean up and rehabilitation of the project, in addition to the costs of implementing the bitterbrush treatment. The selected Forester will be required to account for income generated from the sale of timber products and the subsequent use of funds to pay for future needs related to the implementation of each treatment prescription, as well as for the implementation of the bitterbrush treatment prescription. Some examples of future needs would be slash management, rehabilitating new and existing logging roads used for this project, reseeding disturbed areas, and noxious weed control.

3.4 Administration and Implementation of Operations

The selected Forester will be required to do the following:

- 1) Provide the design and layout for the Forest Health prescription in accordance with the guidelines in the Final Environmental Assessment (Appendix C).
- 2) Prepare the bid prospectus and provide a competitive bid process in the locating of a suitable logging/clean up/rehabilitation contractor to fully implement the Mount Haggin Habitat Restoration Project. All items must meet with the State of Montana contract requirements.
- 3) Help evaluate bid packages according to the following items: stumpage payable to the State, cost of implementing the bitterbrush portion of the project; and cost of implementing the aspen portion of the project.
- 4) Provide contract oversight and implementation during all phases of logging/clean up/rehabilitation activities. The Forester will act as the representative of the State during operations and will protect the State's interest as it applies to each part of the logging/clean up/ rehabilitation process. The State will require on-site project oversight by the selected Forester, to verify that the State's interests are being monitored.
- 5) Provide contract administration with the prime contractor and any sub contractors that may be hired during this process. All items must meet with the State of Montana contract requirements.
- 6) Provide monthly accounting to the State as it relates to cost estimates, revenue estimates, contract outlays, revenue generated, and general administration of revenue and payments as it relates to the implementation of the logging/clean up/rehabilitation efforts.
- 7) Maintain regular communication with the local FWP wildlife biologist to address any concerns with the project during and after the logging operations have been completed and to make any adjustments to the implementation of the project.

- 8) All costs of the logging/clean up/rehabilitation will be paid for through the sale of the timber products harvested from this project. The selected Forester will be required to administer and account for the funds in the best interest of the State.
- 9) All decisions regarding the selection of contractors, disbursement of funds, and all project administration shall be conveyed through the State. The State reserves the right to alter these decisions, as it deems necessary.

Please sign this change addendum #1 and return with your proposals by the due date for this RFP. I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. Thank you for your cooperation.

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